

LOCAL NEWS.

THE NILSSON CONCERT.—The concert of Mlle. Christina Nilsson, at Lincoln Hall, in Washington, on Saturday night last, is described in some of the papers of that city as a magnificent affair, and probably it was; most assuredly it was of the qualities of size and duration, constitute elements of magnificence. The hall is large, and it was filled with a large audience, among which was profusely distributed large quantities of ugliness, false hair, cheap jewelry, dress coats, white kid gloves and selfishness, and the selection in the programme were long, and made doubly so by being invariably encored. The immense quantity of selfishness present was most conspicuously exhibited by the following incident: Just before the performance began an unusual stir and bustle around the entrance announced the arrival of distinguished attendants, and soon General Grant, his wife and a suite of about half a dozen appeared and advanced, the cyanoures of all eyes, to the first row of chairs on the extreme left of the stage. The seats were by no means the choicest at best, but in addition to their inferiority there had been a mistake in the numbers secured, so that when Mrs. Grant was seated the President had to stand, and it was not until after a collection of ushers in the locality, and what must have been a mortifying embarrassment of some minutes' duration, that, of all the people present, but two gentlemen had the politeness to offer to relinquish their chairs to the Chief Magistrate of the Nation and his lady. They gladly accepted the offer, though by so doing they were separated from each other during the whole evening, as their seats were not adjoining. There was, also, present a large amount of ignorance concerning the National airs of Ireland, for though Viextemps, with his violin, produced "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" in the most exquisite and characteristic style, several persons were heard to ask what he was playing. Miss Annie Louise Cary, too, had a large oblation of flowers. At the conclusion of one of her pieces a young man with a melancholy cast of countenance sprang from among the audience upon the stage, ran entirely across it, and threw at her what seemed to be a pillow, but which, striking her head, proved to be the thinnest of paper, for it burst and covered her with a shower of rose buds. The admittance fee was very large—\$4. Not being versed in the science of music, the writer of this item is not competent to criticize the vocalists; his impressions are, however, that Verger is but a second rate artist; that Brignoli sang better and was much handsomer when he and Amadio supported Piccolomini; that Miss Cary has an excellent voice and a beautiful arm, and that he has heard Old Folks at Home sung much better by some Virginia girls than by Nilsson. Among the yast throng composing the audience were several who went from this city—Judge Keith, Messrs. H. O. Cloughton, F. L. Smith, jr., S. C. Neale, Alexander Hunter and others.

POTOMAC FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Potomac Fruit Growers' Association, after an experience of a year, have entered upon the coming season with the following officers: J. H. Gray, of Falls Church, Va., president; Chalkey Gillingham, of Accotink, Va., first vice president; John H. King, of Washington, second vice president; P. H. Folsom, of Washington, secretary, and H. Amidon, of Washington, treasurer. Professor William Saunders of the Agricultural Department, is chairman of the Committee on Fruits; and Professor Thomas Taylor, chemist, of Washington, is chairman of the Scientific Committee.

YESTERDAY.—Yesterday was a rainy and disagreeable day, and the congregations assembled at the different churches during the morning services were consequently small. The sky cleared away during the evening and the attendance at the night services was more numerous. The city was very quiet all day, and though many a side door afforded opportunities for parties anxious to break the Sunday law, and though these opportunities were availed of to a considerable extent, there were no evil results—at least none that was visible on the streets.

FISHING SEASON.—Affairs at Fishtown are rapidly assuming their usual spring appearance. Fish houses, salt houses, and booths are being rapidly whitewashed and others prepared for occupation. The plank flooring is being put down, and every thing will be ready by the time the fish commence to arrive. The Wawaset brought up a large supply of fish from some of the landings yesterday, and a vessel arrived up this morning from Windmill Point, with a load, among which were quite a number of shad.

WAR CLAIMS.—Chinam's under the recent act of Congress providing for pensions to soldiers of 1812, and under the more recent act providing for the payment of claims of loyal citizens for quartermaster and commissary stores taken during the late war for the use of the Federal army, are numerous in this section of the State. Some of the agents for the prosecution of such claims, whose notices can be seen in another column, have been already employed in a large number of cases.

MR. GEORGE SWAIN. one of our oldest and most respectable citizens, whose illness we had announced, died yesterday, in the 80th year of his age. He was a native of Newburyport, Mass., but came to this place, (having been a volunteer in the army in the war of 1812,) settled here and has resided here ever since. He was a man of strict integrity, and honor, a useful citizen, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

CHINA AND JAPAN.—Col. A. S. Taylor, of Virginia, will deliver a lecture on "China and Japan, via the usual stopping places," at the Assembly Rooms on the evening of Thursday next. Those who have heard the lecture, speak of it as one of the Col's best efforts, and a large audience will doubtless be present at its delivery.

MARTIN'S BREWERY.—Mr. Henry S. Martin has closed his brewery in this city, and is sending the machinery he used there to Boston, where it is understood he will resume operations.

FISH.—The herring are beginning to come up the river. The steamboats and sailing vessels are bringing up considerable numbers from the lower landings.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge E. M. Lowe, presiding.—The March term of the Corporation Court commenced at ten o'clock this morning. The will of Louisa A. Smith was admitted to probate.

Com. vs. Newton Smith, colored, upon an indictment for murder of the child of a young white woman named Harriet Ferguson, he being the father. Col. Chas. E. Stuart appeared for the prisoner, and demurred to the indictment, for that it contained two counts diametrically opposed to or inconsistent with one another, and claimed that the Commonwealth's Attorney must elect under which count he will proceed. The court overruled the demurrer, and the prisoner was then arraigned, plead "not guilty," and put himself upon his trial before the jury. D. L. Smoot, esq., Commonwealth's Attorney, and Col. C. E. Stuart then stated to the jury what they respectively expected to prove. The 1st witness for the prosecution was Mrs. Ferguson, who stated that she was the mother of Harriet Ferguson; that her daughter gave birth to a child last December at her house on Alfred street; that she had formerly lived at the Mansion House as a servant; that on Wednesday of the birth N. Smith, the prisoner, came to her house and took away the child, stating that he would take it to his mother to raise. Court then took a recess.

CORN EXCHANGE.—The information that the members of the Corn Exchange, in this place, are engaged in the laudable undertaking of procuring a building for the exchange, is received with much pleasure by our citizens. Mr. Worthington's plan presented to the meeting appears to us an excellent one, and was altogether acceptable to the meeting held on the subject. Success to the Corn Exchange and Alexandria Trade in all its departments! The committee appointed on Saturday last to receive subscriptions to the stock of the company have been so successful that arrangements are already in progress for the purchase of a site upon which to erect the new building, and those who have the matter in charge say that before the summer is over a handsome, commodious and convenient edifice will have been completed, and be occupied by the merchants of the Alexandria Corn Exchange.

AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—We hope our business men will not suffer the subject of an Agricultural Fair, to be held in this place, next fall, to be forgotten or overlooked. Ever since the close of the war, as we did before the war, we have urged the matter upon the consideration of our people—and we are confident that advantages would result from the success of such an undertaking, an would much more than compensate for the expense that might be incurred in carrying the scheme into successful operation. We submit the matter again.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY.—Attention is directed to the Alexandria Library Advertisements in another column. Let all aid in the support of so venerable and beneficent an institution, while supplying themselves and families with the best reading.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.—Captain Thomas W. Beard, of Piscataway Creek, formerly of the Alexandria and Farmington sail packet line, was assaulted in Washington a day or two ago, and robbed of a pocket-book containing \$188.

RAIN.—There was a continuous and heavy fall of rain, nearly all day yesterday. There is, what is called, "a current" in the river—but, it will, probably, soon subside.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Porter Smith, colored, for improper conduct in Market alley, was fined and discharged.

Joseph Jackson, colored, on complaint of William Gibson, colored, for disorderly conduct, was dismissed as the charge was not sustained, and the costs of the case assessed against the complainant.

Henry Williams, colored, for disorderly conduct, and for beating his sick wife, was fined and discharged.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Eliza Smith, colored, the wife of the man now being tried for murder, for an assault upon, and for threatening the life of Mrs. Harriet Ferguson, was bound over to keep the peace for one year.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night clear and temperature moderate, a white frost being visible this morning. There were no disturbances anywhere in the city. The station house was without a single prisoner or lodger. The two policemen on the upper end of Duke street, about the middle of the night, heard cries for help in the direction of West End, and proceeding towards that place, encountered a colored man coming down the road who besought their protection, telling them that he was beset with witches who were pulling his hair and choking him to death. He was escorted to his home, stoutly maintaining that he was not laboring under an hallucination but that the witches were realities.

RETAINED LETTERS.—The following letters are retained in the post office for want of stamps, proper direction, &c.: Mrs. Mildred Lacey, Brandy Station, Va.; James Ogden, Netville; Maria Lane, Alexandria, Va.

If you travel East, West, North or South, take package of Simmons' Liver Regulator. Prepared only by J. H. Zeilin & Co., Macon, Ga.

FOR SALE CHEAP. 10,000 RED CEDAR RAILS. 100 POSTS, 8 feet long. Delivered on the Potomac at Monroe Creek, Westmoreland county, Va.

G. J. HAINES, Etham P. O., Westmoreland co., Va. feb 24—law4w

R. SMOOT, WEST END.

Respectfully solicits consignments of Cattle, Cows and Calves, Hogs and Sheep. Address J. R. SMOOT, P. O. box 167, Alexandria, Va. nov 11

SALT! SALT! SALT! To arrive per schr Cornelia—400 sacks Worthington Fine Salt. 300 sacks Stubbs & Bros' Fine Salt. Will be sold at market rates by W. A. SMOOT, feb 16—1m Smoot's wharf.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company for the renewal of certificate No. 103 of preferred stock in said road, dated July 28th, 1864, for 33 shares, standing in my name—said certificate having been lost or mislaid. JNO. H. LEE, feb 25—law2m

WAREHOUSE FOR RENT OR LEASE. Near Leesburg R.R. Depot. Is established as a grain and agricultural warehouse, and a good stand for country trade. Apply early to WM. CLINE, Leesburg, Va. mar 6—1w

CURRY COMBS, Curry and Horse Cards, Wool Cards, and Cotton Cards, at J. F. CARLIN & SONS'. feb 2

TELEGRAPHIC.

DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—In the Senate the report of the committee on Southern outrages coming up, it was ordered that 2,000 copies of the report and evidence, and 20,000 of the report alone be printed.

A bill to relieve Hon. Chas. James Faulkner, of West Va., of political disabilities, was referred.

FOREIGN NEWS.

MADRID, March 13.—Serious disturbances have taken place in the province at Alentejo. An armed mob fired on the Mayor and other civil authorities. Some lives were lost. In the elections the opposition is triumphing. In consequence of the disturbed state of the country the King's trip to meet the Queen has been deferred.

AMENS, March 13.—The Emperor is seriously indisposed, and is unable to review the troops. The crown Prince will review.

LONDON, March 13.—The Daily News says that the Black Sea conference meets to-day, but up to a late hour Sunday Duc de Broglie was without instructions to attend.

It is reported from Paris that the government intends to levy a tax on imported raw material, especially textile fabrics. The tax on cotton alone is expected to produce annually from sixty to eighty millions of francs. Foreign manufactured fabrics will also, it is said, be taxed proportionally.

A Daily News dispatch from Brussels says all the French prisoners in Belgium have been released and have gone to their homes.

The French Official Journal publishes a decree approving of the formation of regiments of infantry at Bordeaux and dissolving the headquarters of the staffs of the armies recently operating in the North, and that the camps of instruction at Havre in Britanic Island and the Vosges be retained.

A dispatch from Paris gives positive contradiction to the report that Poyner Quatier, the French Minister of Finance, intends to make reforms in the management of the Government.

BERLIN, March 13.—The Emperor William is ill at Ferrières, but will leave for this city Tuesday next. His journey will be direct, the condition of the Emperor's health rendering it inexpedient for him to lengthen the trip by a visit to any of the Princes of the Empire.

It is announced that the Seventh and Twelfth Prussian corps of Wurtembergers will form the army of occupation of the portion of France to be held by the Germans until the conditions of the treaty of peace are fulfilled.

LONDON, March 13.—Right Hon. James Stanfield having accepted a cabinet office went to his constituency, the city of Halifax, for re-election to Parliament, and was returned without opposition.

Eight lives were lost by the wreck of a steam launch upon the Island of Jersey.

PARIS, March 13.—Versailles has been evacuated by the Germans and the French garrison installed.

The convention for the return of the French prisoners in Germany has been signed at Ferrières. Some are to return by sea from Bremen and Hamburg and others overland.

It has been ascertained that 20 German soldiers were killed and 60 injured by the accident at Preaux on the North western railway.

Six Radical papers have been suppressed.

The city is entirely quiet and without sign of a renewal of the recent agitation, which is condemned by the entire press.

LONDON, March 13.—1 p. m.—The Black Sea conference held a session to-day. All the members including Duc de Broglie, were present. It is believed all matters under discussion have been arranged and this will probably be the last meeting of the conference.

A dispatch from Weimar says great preparation has been made to receive the Emperor William, Prince Frederick William and Gen. Moltke, who will pass through that city on Thursday.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The bark Harsburg, from New York, has put into Fortress Monroe, leaking badly.

The steamers City of Brussels, from Liverpool, and Europa, from Glasgow, have arrived at New York.

Two convicts escaped from the Massachusetts State prison yesterday.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, March 13.—Cotton quiet. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull, but steady; prices are entirely unchanged. Corn steady. White Southern 83½; Yellow Southern 81½. Oats better at 62½.

FRANKFORT, March 13.—Bonds, closed at 96½.

LIVERPOOL, March 13.—11:30 a. m.—Cotton dull and unchanged. Breadstuffs quiet.

LONDON, March 13.—1 p. m.—American securities quiet and steady. Stocks quiet and steady.

BALTIMORE, March 13.—Va. sixes, old 53 bid, 53½ asked; do. 1865, 66 bid, 68 asked; do. 1867, 62 bid 65 asked.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Stocks opened weak on the call, but were better afterwards; Virginia sixes, 66½; do. new, 63½. Money 5 Gold steady, 111.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Flour quiet and steady. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn quiet and firm.

20,000 LBS. CHOICE FAMILY BACON;

All of my own curing; a very superior article, consisting of Hams, Shoulders, Sides, Breast-pieces and Jowls, which I will sell for cash. S. J. REED, 74 south Fairfax street. mh 13

DRESS GOODS. Serges, Moulines, Poplins, and a fresh supply of very cheap Alpaca. WM. N. BERKKEY'S. mh 13

ANOTHER FRESH LOT OF APPLE BUTTER, put up in small buckets to suit families, for sale cheap by W. F. BROOKES. mh 13

HORSEFORD'S BREAD PREPARATION just received and for sale by W. F. BROOKES. mh 13

DRIED BEEF, for chipping and broiling—a fresh lot received this day and for sale by W. F. BROOKES. mh 13

SMALL SUGAR-CURED HAMS for sale by J. C. MILBURN. mh 13

PHOSPHATES. Magnum Bonum Phosphate. Baugh's Raw Bone Phosphate. No. 1 Peruvian Guano—constantly on hand and for sale by THOMAS PERRY. feb 18

LIVERPOOL SALT. 1000 sacks LIVERPOOL G. A. SALT. 300 sacks MARSHALL'S FINE SALT—in bright order, in store and for sale by J. C. MILBURN. mh 13

WE DESIRE TO CALL THE ATTENTION of our patrons to our new stock of Sugars, Syrups, Yeast Powders, Washing Soaps, &c. just received from New York. CHINESE TEA COMPANY. mar 6

NO. 11 north Royal street.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE GREAT VERNAL SPECIFIC.—No class of invalids are more sensitive to changes of season and variations of temperature than dyspeptics, and persons of bilious habit. Tender lungs are not more easily affected by these vicissitudes than feeble stomachs. If there is a tendency in the system to indigestion, biliousness or bowel complaints, the variable weather of early spring is almost sure to develop one or the other of these ailments. Intermittent fevers are also more prevalent in the spring months than at any other season except autumn. In view of these facts, this seems to be a proper time to invite special attention to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine, which for a long series of years, has proved superior to all others as a remedy for the above named disorders, and as a protection against the miasma which frequently produces and always aggravates them. It was formerly the practice to give violent cathartics as "spring medicines," nor is the custom yet entirely obsolete. Nothing, however, can be more ill-judged and unphilosophical. The chilling moisture with which the air is loaded at the breaking up of winter, presses heavily upon the vital forces of the body, and reinforcement, not depletion, is what it requires. The Bitters is a genial and excellent tonic, a moderate alterative and just enough of an aperient to regulate, without convulsing the bowels. It is, therefore, a specific peculiarly adapted to the present season. mh 13—eolw

GRAPE WINE FOR SICKNESS.—Decidedly one of the nicest and most creditable of any advertised article we have ever seen, is the wine bearing the above name, from the vineyard of Mr. Alfred Speer, of Passaic, N. J. This wine is expressed from the Oporto grape, which, under the hand of Mr. Speer, has been brought to a state of great perfection. The wine possesses the very highest medicinal virtue, and certainly as an article of beverage it is not, in our judgment, to be surpassed in color, taste, or any of the qualities which constitute a pure, mild and agreeable wine.—Boston Transcript. For sale by Druggists. mar 13—1w

MEDICAL.—Essays for Young Men, on great SOCIAL EVILS and ABUSES, which interfere with MARRIAGE—with sure means of relief for the Erring and Unfortunate, diseased and debilitated. Sent free of charge, in sealed envelopes. Address HOWARD ASSOCIATION, No. 2 S. Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Philadelphia, feb 13—3m

BATCHELOR'S HAIR DYE.—This superb Hair Dye is the best in the World—Perfectly Harmless, Reliable and Instantaneous. No Disappointment. No Ridiculous Tints, or Unpleasant Odor. The genuine W. A. Batchelor's Hair Dye residence, Nestlewood. Black or Natural Brown. Does not Stain the Skin, but leaves the Hair Clean, Soft and Beautiful. The only Safe and Perfect Dye. Sold by all Druggists. Factory, 16 Bond st., New York. New York, Jan 20—eolw

FANCY GOODS.

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AGRICULTURAL.

STARKE'S DIXIE PLOW.

By invitation of Mr. F. C. Williams, of the county of Nottingham, a number of gentlemen assembled at his residence, Saturday, December 10, to test, by practical experiment, the comparative value of the Dixie Plow, manufactured by Starke & Co., and any other that might enter the field of competition.

The plows were taken to the field at half-past two o'clock p. m., the following gentlemen acting as judges: F. W. Epps, J. B. Williams, Robert Scott, Jas. S. Gilliam, Wm. T. Christian, Richard Epps, Dr. Darring, Sidney Graves, Walton Sydney, F. C. Williams, G. N. Seay and J. M. Hunt. Mr. S. Graves and Walton Sydney were the principal plowmen, Mr. W. Sydney working the Watt plow and S. Graves the Dixie—both of whom handled them with masterly skill and success.

The plows entered were the Dixie two-horse right and left hand plows, and the Watt two-horse left hand. Soon after the trial commenced, the beam of the Dixie right hand broke in two and was laid aside,